

The Social World

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(Herald Photo)

FLYING THROUGH A STORM. . . . This is the way it seemed we were flying, Mary Ann Zampro, eight, says as she tells Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer the story of a stormy-weather flight from Albuquerque, N. M., to Los Angeles. Mary Ann and three others pictured left to right, Mickey Van Deventer, Yolanda Francis, and Mrs. Nadine Nickol were with a troupe of young performers from throughout the South Bay area on an entertainment tour of air bases in New Mexico. The show, first of its kind, was presented under the auspices of the Western Air Division Special Service, and the troupe is now awaiting its second assignment, which will be a similar tour in North Dakota and Montana. Ernie Kittrell, a baritone soloist not pictured, also participated in the show.

Entertainers Return Here Through Stormy Skies After Tour of Air Bases

Sitting tense in a C-47, with parachutes strapped on their backs and a green light signaling them to be ready to bail out at any moment, five local people flew into Los Angeles International Airport Tuesday night through a heavy rainstorm following a four-day entertainment tour of air force bases in New Mexico.

The five, Mary Ann Zampro, 1851 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita; Ernie Kittrell, 2224 W. 247th St., Lomita; Mickey Van Deventer, 2203 W. Carson St., and Yolanda Francis, 2023 Arlington Ave., entertainers; and Mrs. Nadine Nickol, co-ordinator of the show, agreed the entire tour, especially the flight home, was a thrilling experience.

The local lad and lassies were part of a troupe of young music and dance students from throughout the South Bay area who put on the first civilian show for servicemen, a new project sponsored by the Western Air Division Special Service, under the direction of Brig. Gen. Frank Parker.

Mrs. Nickol worked closely with Sergeant Frank Cohen in arranging for the participation of this city's talented youth.

The group auditioned at the Richard Martin Studio in Anaheim early in December, but it was not until the latter part

'Moms' Plan Installation

Final plans for the Jan. 20 installation of officers will be made by Torrance Memorial Chapter, Gold Star Mothers of America, next Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 7, at their first meeting of 1953.

Session will begin at 2 o'clock in the American Legion Hall on Border Ave., with Mrs. William H. Erbe of Gardena presiding.

Scene of the installation rites will be the American Legion Hall in Redondo Beach. Mrs. Jeannette E. King, publicity chairman, announced. She extended an invitation to all mothers who have lost sons in the war, especially the current Korean conflict, to attend both Wednesday's meeting and the installation.

Walteria Miss Weds Former Torrance Man

Now living in Westmoreland following a simple wedding ceremony performed at Yuma, Ariz., on Nov. 1 are the new Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Falkenstein.

The bride, the former Margaret Tinkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tinkle of 4055 Newton St., Walteria, chose a blue taffeta street-length dress for her wedding day. A student at Torrance High School before her marriage, she has since transferred to Brawley High School, near Westmoreland.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Falkenstein, former Torrance residents now of Westmoreland, also attended Torrance and Brawley high schools.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Broderson attended the young couple at the ceremony.

BLUE STAR MOMS TO MAKE '53 PLANS

Torrance Chapter No. 22, Blue Star Mothers of America, will lay plans for the new year next Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, at a 7:30 o'clock meeting in the Y. M.C.A. building.

This will be the last opportunity for those interested to become charter members of the club. Mrs. Russell M. Paxton, publicity chairman, reminded, for the charter will be closed after the Tuesday session. To join as charter members, those eligible must attend this meeting, she said.

The eligible list includes all mothers, stepmothers, and adopted mothers of men and women serving in the armed forces since Pearl Harbor.

AAUW Fetes Honor Grads Wednesday

Honor girl graduates of the harbor area will be special guests next Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, when the American Association of University Women, San Pedro branch, holds a regular meeting at 7:30 o'clock in the San Pedro YWCA.

Frank Weir, vice president and instructor at Palos Verdes College, will headline the evening program with a talk on "Understanding Contemporary Art." He will supplement his talk with slides.

Weir received a BA degree from the University of California at Los Angeles and has done graduate work at Mills College. Following four years of army service, he was an instructor, successively, at UCLA, San Diego State College, and Long Beach State College.

Also included in his experience are tours to Mexico and Northern California with the Palos Verdes College Travel Programs.

DEMOLAY MOTHERS HOLD XMAS DINNER

Thirty-eight members, husbands, and guests of the Demolay Mothers' Circle gathered the Tuesday before Christmas at Verburg's Dairy party room for their annual turkey dinner.

Among guests attending were Mrs. Ludwig Miller, organizer and first president of the Circle, and her husband.

Following dinner, guests enjoyed playing charades with a Christmas theme, musical games, dancing, and a gift exchange.

Mrs. Herman Eisenbeiss was chairman for the affair.

B. ZACHARY WILL WED D. TURNER

Miss Barbara Zachary now is betrothed to Richard Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Turner, 1008 Acacia Ave., her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Siedel, 1403 W. 219th St., revealed this week.

The bride-to-be is a 1951 graduate of Torrance High School, where she was affiliated with Tri Y, Tartar Ladies, Girls' Athletic Association, and the Student Council. She is now employed at the Medearis Oil Well Supply Corp.

Miss Zachary, one of the contestants in the 1950 Miss Torrance contest, is well known as a swiftie on ice skates. While only 15, she piled up crowns for first place in the Southern California Junior Ladies Division, a Silver Skates championship, and third place in the North American races at Colorado Springs. She also won a first in the California Inter-Club contest and took fourth place in the All-American Speed Skating Champion races at Colorado Springs in 1950.

The following year, she came up as the winner in the Southern California Women's Intermediate Division and of the Intermediate Ladies' Silver Skates Championship.

Turner, who is now attending the College of Idaho, also is a graduate of Torrance High School and was active in school affairs, serving as student body president and on varsity football, basketball, and baseball teams. He is a graduate of El Camino College.

No date has been selected for the wedding.

FRANK PALUMBO WEDS GIRL FROM CONNECTICUT

At a quiet wedding ceremony in the Church of the Nativity the first Saturday after Christmas, Frank Anthony Palumbo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palumbo, 22111 Halldale Ave., claimed Miss Betty Jean Botacci of Connecticut as his bride.

The former Miss Botacci is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Botaglio, who came to Torrance for the marriage ceremony and plan to make their home here. For her wedding day, she chose a blue taffeta gown of ballerina-length with matching cap and carried white carnations en bouquet.

Mrs. Connie Gossett, sister of the groom, attended as matron of honor in a pink taffeta, ballerina-length gown. She carried a bouquet of matching carnations.

Rocco Palumbo served as his brother's best man. Following the ceremony, performed by Father P. J. McGuinness, guests gathered at the Palumbo home for a wedding reception.

When they return from a honeymoon journey to Santa Barbara and neighboring cities, the groom, a graduate of Torrance High School, will return to Navy boot camp at San Diego, while the bride, a graduate of Connecticut schools, will establish residence with her parents.



AFTER THE CEREMONY . . . Frank Anthony Palumbo and his new bride, Miss Betty Jean Botacci, prepare to attend a reception at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palumbo, 22111 Halldale Ave., following Dec. 27 wedding ceremonies at the Church of the Nativity. The young couple now are honeymooning at Santa Barbara and neighboring cities.



REVEALS TROTH . . . Miss Barbara Zachary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Siedel, 1403 W. 219th St., is the affianced bride of Richard Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Turner, 1008 Acacia Ave. The young couple, both graduates of Torrance High School, have not yet selected a date for their wedding.

Locals Host 'Open House'

In keeping with the holiday tradition, Messrs and Mesdames C. T. Rippey and J. W. Post combined their talents as hosts Saturday evening last week to entertain about 80 friends at an open-house held at the Rippey home, 1611 El Prado.

For the occasion, Mrs. Rippey chose a cocktail dress of broad organza, while Mrs. Post selected a powder blue organza gown.

Snow-sprayed evergreens flanked by red candles tied with red satin ribbons made colorful table centerpieces, while poinsettias added to the Yule touch in home decor.

The following Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barrington entertained a number of friends at their residence, 1541 Post Ave.

Included among the 100 guests were Alfred Drew, past lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis, and his wife of Wilmington, and Alfred Jilks, 1952 winner of the "Oscar" for movie photography, and his wife of Hollywood.

Mrs. Barrington also carried out the Christmas theme in home decor. Tiny trees of metallic foil flanked by candles sprinkled with red glitter centered the dining table while poinsettias and holly graced the buffet table.

TO PERFORM FOR SENIORS

Young musical talent of this city will take the spotlight next Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 7, when the Torrance Woman's Club presents its annual silver tea at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

The 2 o'clock program, to follow a 12 noon board meeting and a 1 o'clock general business session, will feature Misses Alice Olson and Mickey Van Deventer presenting novelty dance routines. Ernie Kittrell, baritone soloist, will complete the afternoon entertainment.

Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, program chairman, will introduce the performers, while Mesdames Earl A. Miles and E. L. Snodgrass will be chairmen for the tea.

This program, said Mrs. Paul Vonderahe, publicity chairman, is the first of two to be devoted by the club to the young people of the community.

'Stork Story' Circles Plan For New Year

Tuesday, Jan. 6, will be a busy day for circles of the Women's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist Church; several have slated planning sessions to chart activities for the new year.

Circles One and Three will meet for dessert luncheon at 12:30 p.m., the former at the home of Mrs. Charles Mullen, 1519 Post Ave., and the latter at the church. Hostesses for the Circle Three affair will be Mesdames Richard M. Belden and Laura Jennings.

That evening, at 7:45 o'clock, members of Circle Four will meet at the home of Mrs. Harlan P. McCool, 709 Sartori Ave. Sharing hostess honors will be Mrs. Ruby La Roque.

CHILDREN ARE TOPIC OF TUESDAY LECTURE

Torrance parents and others in this area will learn what they should expect from children at various growth changes next Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, when Mrs. Dorothy Law, staff member of the Compton Counseling Service, presents her fourth free lecture, "Counseling When Children Have Problems."

The lecture will begin at 8 o'clock at the Methodist Church in Redondo Beach. A discussion period will follow.

O. A. Kresses Travel To Mexico With Friends

Now spending a few days in Ensenada, Mex., are Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kresse, 1443 El Prado, and friends from Provo, Utah, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Makin.

The Kresses also were guests of the Makins at a New Year's Eve party held at the Los Angeles Statler Hotel.

The preceding Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Kresse hosted a dinner party in honor of the visitors from Utah. Joining the gathering were Messrs. and Mesdames Paul Loranger and Donald Rice of Torrance; Gil Herman of Pasadena; and Duane Wheeler and Walter Heinemann of Los Angeles.

WBA TO NAME NEW CHAIRMEN

New chairmen will be named and a new program planned Wednesday, Jan. 6, when the Women's Benefit Association meets at the home of Mrs. Alma Jones, 1220 W. 163rd St., Gardena.



NOVEMBER BRIDE . . . The former Miss Margaret Tinkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tinkle, 4055 Newton St., Walteria, is Mrs. Phillip Falkenstein since Nov. 1 wedding ceremonies performed at Yuma, Ariz. The Torrance High School graduate and her husband, a former resident of this city, now are living in Westmoreland.